than 7 years with fine which may extend to Rs. 2000/- and if the offence is committed against the will of any person the punishment of imprisonment may extend upto 14 years. In case the offence is committed against a child, punishment shall be not less than 7 years and may extend to life. In case of a minor punishment provided is not less than 7 years and not more than 14 years. Besides the punishment under law depends on the sensitivity and judiciousness with which each case is handled by police and the judiciary.

(c) The Department of Women and Child Developpment has formulated a National Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Women and Children which focuses on Prevention of Trafficking, Awareness Generation and Social Mobilisation, Health Care Services, Education and Child Care, Housing, Shelter and Civic Amenities, Economic Empowerment, Legal Reforms & Law Enforcement, Rescue and Rehabilitation, Institutional Machinery and Methodology.

Minority Institutions

†2162. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of minority institutions (Technical and Non-Technical) working in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether financial assistance and other facilities are being provided by Government to these minority institutions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

CAG's Observation on function of CSWB

2163. SHRIMATI BIMBARAIKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent report of the Comptroller and Auditor General

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of India (2001-2002 has observed serious lapses on the functioning of Central Social Welfare Board;

(b) whether the report says that the Board has failed to enforce accountability over the improper functioning of NGOs/Voluntary agencies entrusted with the delivery of DWCD sponsored projects/programmes; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there is lot of overlapping and duplication on the efforts of DWCD because of many parallel schemes in operation sponsored by other Ministries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA): (a) No, Sir. The Draft Report of the CAG stated only that "As the desired momentum for a socio-economic upheaval could not be created by CSWB since its existence, it has lost its relevance for a social change". The CAG in its final report had dropped this para.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. A one member Committee headed by Shri T.N. Chaturvedi, former Member of Parliament stated that the CSWB through its network of State Boards and voluntary organisations is filling the gap where the Government sector does not have an outreach. The Board always geared its efforts to the needs of the society especially the women and children and its uniqueness lies in the fact that it is even today the major national level organisation with the network in every State, funding voluntary organisations under various schemes.

Changes in NCERT books

†2164. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the classes whose course were changed and new books recommended by N.C.E.R.T. during the last three years;

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